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Security Council

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	1. Adoption of the agenda	
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	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in the Middle East	
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	Middle East (Syria)	
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	1591 Committee	
	Other matters	

General Assembly

Seventieth session

10:00		Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00		Conference Room 1
	Informal informal consultations on the zero draft of the political declaration, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS	

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15:00 Conference Room 11

Informal informal consultations on the follow-up and review framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level

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Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

10:00 34th meeting Conference Room 3

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [item 136]

Secretariat statement

Morning (following the adjournment of the 34h meeting) Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 151 (Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (A/70/604, A/70/712 and A/70/742/Add.12))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria
2. Executive meeting
3. Closure of the session

Committee on Information
Thirty-eighth session

Open-ended Working Group

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Independent Audit Advisory Committee
Thirty-fourth session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group V (Insolvency)
Forty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Guinea configuration

10:00 to 11:30	Informal meeting	Conference Room 7

Guinea-Bissau configuration

11:30 to 13:00	Informal meeting	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Integration segment

10:00 to 13:00 — 23rd meeting [webcast] — Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Integration segment [item 8]

   Panel discussion on the topic "Policy innovation and integration – Views from the multilateral system"

   Interactive discussion

   [*For details on the panel, please click here.*]

2. Conclusion of the integration segment

   Statement by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

   Statement by His Excellency Sven Jürgenson (Estonia), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

[Information on the integration segment, including the draft programme and related side events is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Filipa Correia, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail correiaf@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8969).

For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the segment to the Secretary of the Council (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council. *PaperSmart arrangement* is available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
	Informal consultations to discuss new applications	

[All members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to attend. Participation in the informal consultations is open to members of the Committee only.]

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Day of the Tropics" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Australia)

15:00 to 17:00	Informal consultations	Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

Event entitled "A Conversation with a Former Child Soldier" (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflicts (OSRSG/CAAC))

11:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Fernando Falcon, OSRSG/CAAC (e-mail falcon@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8234); or *click here*.

Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea)

13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Conference on the Question of Jerusalem
(King Fahd Palace Hotel) Dakar, Senegal
(*Wednesday, 4 May 2016*)

The theme of the Conference is "Jerusalem at the heart of the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine".

By organizing this event, the Committee wishes to provide up-to-date information on the current situation in East Jerusalem under occupation; identify opportunities to intensify international support for resilience, protection and development in the city; explore possible solutions and scenarios for a just and lasting settlement of the question of Jerusalem; and provide a venue for an open exchange among policymakers, experts, practitioners, activists and academics.

The Conference is open to Member and Observer States, United Nations entities and invited international and regional organizations, as well as representatives of the civil society and the media.

Inquiries can be addressed to the Division for Palestinian Rights, Department of Political Affairs (e-mail dpr-meeting@un.org). Updated information, including the Meeting's programme, press releases and background documents, can be found on the website of the Division (*click here*).

The Conference's official languages are Arabic, English and French.

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Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link
www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Thursday, 5 May 2016

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting of the plenary on the modalities and organizational arrangements of the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants

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10:00 Conference Room 7

15:00 Conference Room 11

Informal informal consultations on the zero draft of the political declaration, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

High-level Conversation on Religions for Peace

Friday, 6 May 2016

The President of the General Assembly will convene a High-level Conversation on Religions for Peace on Friday, 6 May 2016. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 5 April and 2 May 2016, enclosing a brief concept note and programme of the event, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063); copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). In light of time constraints, the length of statements should not exceed *five minutes*. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

High-level Thematic Debate on the United Nations, Peace and Security

Tuesday, 10, and Wednesday, 11 May 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly will convene a High-level Thematic Debate on the United Nations, Peace and Security. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 November 2015, 11 March 2016 and 19 April 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org el. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *five minutes*. For more information on the event, please *click here*.

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

Thursday, 5 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
Informal meeting

Friday, 6 May 2016

10:00 Conference Room 12

15:00 Conference Room 12

Informal open meeting to consider lessons learned from the first cycle of the Regular Process and the way forward towards implementation of the second cycle, in advance of the upcoming seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, to take place at Headquarters from Wednesday, 3, to Tuesday, 9 August 2016

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session

Monday, 6, to Friday, 24 June 2016

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*.

For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

Monday, 20, to Wednesday, 22 June 2016 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), as set forth in paragraph 3 of resolution 1977 (2011), is currently conducting a Comprehensive Review on the status of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). In this connection, the Chair of the 1540 Committee, His Excellency Román Oyarzun Marchesi, Permanent Representative of Spain, will convene formal open consultations of the Committee with Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, and appropriate sectors of civil society. Additional information will be provided in the near future.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system

Thursday, 5 May 2016

09:00 to 13:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Workshop 6 of the Economic and Social Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be convened by the Vice-President of the Council (Honduras). The workshop will focus on the partnership approaches, governance as well as organizational arrangements and capacity of the United Nations development system. The programme of the workshop is available (*click here*).

For information on the second phase of the dialogue, please *click here* or contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Kirit Patel (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944)). Information on the dialogue is available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Special meeting on the impacts of the 2015/16 El Niño phenomenon: Reducing risks and capturing opportunities

Friday, 6 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/110, the President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene the special meeting as an opportunity to discuss the socio-economic and environmental impacts of the 2015/16 El Niño phenomenon.

All are invited to attend. The concept note and programme are available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

Thursday, 5 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 8

Informal consultations to discuss new applications

All members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to attend. Participation in the informal consultations is open to members of the Committee only.

2016 resumed session

Monday, 23 May, to Wednesday, 1 June;
and Friday, 10 June 2016 Conference Room 1

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org), with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057. Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fifteenth session

Monday, 9, to Friday, 20 May 2016 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2016/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2016/L.1. Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Kindly be reminded that the observers who have not indicated their participation by the established deadline will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis, on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. For background and other related documents of the fifteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous. The fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal. Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

The list of speakers *is open*. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Delegates are kindly requested to bring *30 copies* of their statements for technical services and also e-mail their statements to papersmart1@un.org for posting on the PaperSmart portal. Statements should be e-mailed *at least one hour* prior to the scheduled speaking slot and the e-mail subject should include the entity name, meeting name and related agenda item. PDF format is preferred.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 4

In preparation for its first regular session, an informal pre-session information briefing will be held on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its annual session (14-16 June 2016), combined with an informal briefing on: a) Annual report for 2015 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management perspective; and b) Protecting children from violence: a comprehensive evaluation of UNICEF strategies and programme performance, and management response. All interested delegations are invited.

Informal briefing

Thursday, 2 June 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

Informal briefing on: (a) UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2015 annual report to the Executive Board and management response; and (b) Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2015
All interested delegations are invited.

Annual session

Tuesday, 14, to Thursday, 16 June 2016 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/5. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 10 June 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50(2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 annual session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (Powerpoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

Monday, 9 May 2016

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the report of UNDP on internal audit and investigations

All member and observer delegations are invited.

Informal consultations

Thursday, 12 May 2016

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the annual report on evaluation and management response

All member and observer delegations are invited.

Annual session 2016

Monday, 6, to 10 June 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.2. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list, to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org for UNFPA, *as early as possible*, but *no later than* Monday, 23 May 2016.

The annual session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Pre-session informal consultation

Friday, 20 May 2016

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 2

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services; the United Nations Children's Fund; the World Food Programme; and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Joint meeting

Friday, 3 June 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 3

All member and observer delegations are invited.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Informal consultation on "Audit and investigation, evaluation and ethics"

Tuesday, 10 May 2016

10:00 to 14:30 Conference Room 5D
(UNFPA Headquarters (605 Third Avenue))

Briefing on "UNFPA census evaluation"

Thursday, 12 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 **Conference Room 6**

All member and observer delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).

Forthcoming conferences at Headquarters

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties
Ninth session

Tuesday, 14, to Thursday, 16 June 2016

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary *quorum* for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are *163* States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is *109* States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

The *election* to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information).

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be sent to the Secretariat via e-mail to zhangg@un.org, with the original copy sent to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Room S-2905).

States parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the *accessibility requirements* of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings.

For *further information* concerning the Conference of States Parties, please contact the secretariat via e-mail (zhangg@un.org and enable@un.org) or visit UN Enable website (www.un.org/disabilities).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Day of the Tropics" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 6 May 2016

15:00 to 17:00 Informal consultations Conference Room E

Forthcoming other meetings

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Event entitled "Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms: This Is Your Right!" (on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day (3 May) (organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in collaboration with the United Nations Educational and Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Thursday, 5 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 4

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

Informal informal consultations on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (pursuant to a statement by the Chair of the Sixth Committee on 20 November 2015 concerning the intention of the Bureau to convene informal informals inter-sessionally)

Thursday, 5 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Briefing on all special sessions of the World Humanitarian Summit (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 1

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Rodriguez, OCHA (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770).

Margaret Vogt Memorial Lecture Series Event entitled "Democracy's Uncertain State" (co-organized by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

Thursday, 5 May 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Kieran Lettrich, International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084; fax 1 (212) 286-0260).

Briefing on "Activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)" (organized by the CTITF Office, Department of Political Affairs (DPA))

Thursday, 5 May 2016

15:00 to 17:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact CTITF (Mr. Kevin Hunter (e-mail hunterk@un.org); or Ms. Sindy Kohuth (e-mail kohuth@un.org)).

Symposium on "The Role of UN-Women's Global Gender Equality Constitutional Database in Promoting Substantive Equality through Teaching and Learning" (featuring the University of Chicago, Columbia University, the University of Milan and the University of Pennsylvania) (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Friday, 6 May 2016

10:00 to 14:00 Conference Room E

The meeting is closed. For further information, please contact Ms. Francesca Zoppi, UN-Women (e-mail francesca.zoppi@unwomen.org; tel. 1 (646) 781-4822).

Event entitled "Mapping the Vulnerability of Mountain Peoples to Food Insecurity: Sharing the Results of an FAO Global Study" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi and Peru, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Mountain Partnership)

Friday, 6 May 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Ilario Schettino, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).

Technical briefing to provide an update on the preparations towards the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in Quito, Ecuador (17-20 October 2016) (organized by Habitat III secretariat)

Friday, 6 May 2016

13:30 to 15:00 Conference Room 7

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Fatoumata Diarra, Habitat III secretariat (e-mail diarra1@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2947).

Seminar on "The Importance of Key Trade and Transport Conventions" (organized by Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU))

Monday, 9 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Dagmar Hertova UN-OHRLLS (e-mail hertova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5439).

Event entitled "Better Policies for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A Presentation of Selected OECD Tools and Approaches; Focus on Taxation in the Context of the 2030 Agenda and Economic Impact of International Migration" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD))

Monday, 9 May 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Saša Jurečko, Permanent Mission of Slovenia (e-mail sasa.jurecko@gov.si; tel. 1 (212) 370-3007).

Briefing on "Migration, Environment and Climate Change" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh and France and the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Tuesday, 10 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 9

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Christopher Richter, IOM (e-mail crichter@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 204); to register, please send an e-mail to rsvpnewyork@iom.int.

Event on "The Role of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and GeoDesign in Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management and the Institute for Conscious Global Change (ICGC))

Tuesday, 10 May 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Etta D. Jackson, ICGC (e-mail etta@consciousglobalchange.org).

High-level meeting on "Sustaining Peace: Mechanisms, Partnerships and the Future of Peacebuilding in Africa" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) and the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union)

Thursday, 12 May 2015

09:00 to 13:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Mr. Karim Mike Bakhit (e-mail bakhitk@un.org); or Mr. Jean Victor Nkolo (e-mail nkolo@un.org)); or *click here*.

Special event entitled "Families, Healthy Lives and Sustainable Future" (in observance of the International Day of Families (15 May)) (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 12 May 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Renata Kaczmarska, DESA (e-mail kaczmarska@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4596); or *click here*.

Event entitled "Sharing National Practices: Ombudsman Institutions – Guardians of the Rule of Law" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Tajikistan and the Rule of Law Unit (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group))

Friday, 13 May 2016

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail Frdelaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva (9-13 May 2016)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2015/246 of 22 July 2015, the nineteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 9, to Friday, 13, May 2016 in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2016/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Mr. Angel Gonzalez-Sans, Chief, Science, Technology and ICT Branch (e-mail angel.gonzalez-sanz@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-5508; fax 01141-22-917-0052), and Ms. Dong Wu, Chief, Science and Technology Section, UNCTAD (e-mail dong.wu@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-4171; fax 01141-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information by *clicking here*.

Inquiries on the nineteenth session of the Commission can also be directed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

Announcements

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey (23-24 May 2016)

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020
Antalya, Turkey (27-29 May 2016)

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 69/231 of 19 December 2014 and 70/216 of 22 December 2015, a Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 will be held from Friday, 27, to Sunday, 29 May 2016, in Antalya, Turkey. For more information, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org).

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, *by Tuesday, 31 May 2016,* so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required.* Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 44/116O, paras. 8 and 9, entitled "Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof", adopted on 15 December 1989 (Note verbale ODA/26-2016/WMD-Sea-Bed dated 12 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 69/61, para. 9, entitled "Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/29-2016/WDNPAC dated 18 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 69/65, paras. 2, 3 and 4, entitled "United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/28-2016/DNPE dated 16 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/24, paras. 10 and 11, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/38-2016/NWFZME dated 1 March 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/30, para. 4, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/9-2016/EN dated 15 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/31, para. 8, entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/10-2016/ML dated 15 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/34, para. 14, entitled "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/22-2016/HLM-ND dated 11 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/36, para. 5, entitled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/21-2016/WMD-T dated 11 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/39, para. 3, entitled "Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/37-2016/FMCT dated 25 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/42, para. 8, entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/40-2016/CMB dated 14 March 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/56, para. 3, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/23-2016/ICJ dated 10 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/72, para. 8, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/39-2016/SSCMR dated 4 March 2016 refers); and

Resolution 70/237, para. 4, entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security", adopted on 23 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/11-2016/IS dated 15 February 2016 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (please *click here*), *by Friday, 27 May 2016,* the information relevant to Resolution 68/43, paras. 3, 4, 5 and 6 (a), entitled "Transparency in armaments", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/18-2016/TIA dated 4 March 2016 refers).

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116.

Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here)*; or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or

foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *May 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents (English and Spanish)

Treaty research

Security Council documentation

Basic research on United Nations topics

General Assembly documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 3 May 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7685th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

Healthcare in armed conflict

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Vanuatu to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Ms. Joanne Liu, International President of Médecins Sans Frontières, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/380, submitted by Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/380) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/380) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2286 (2016).

After the vote, the Council heard briefings by the Secretary-General, Mr. Peter Maurer and Ms. Joanne Liu.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Uruguay, the United Kingdom, Angola, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, the United States, France, Senegal, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China and Malaysia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Egypt.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Integration segment

[archived video]

21st meeting

Integration segment [item 8]

The Council continued its consideration of the agenda item.

Discussion on "Leaving no one behind: national perspectives on policy making"

Panel 1: Institutional frameworks and policy planning

The panel discussion was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Estonia), who made an opening statement.

The panel discussion was moderated by His Excellency David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, who made a statement.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: His Excellency Ricardo Cardona, Sectorial Minister for Social Development and Inclusion of Honduras; His Excellency Dang Huy Dong, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam; Mr. Rolf Alter, Director of Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development secretariat; Ms. Åsa Persson, Senior Research Fellow and Theme Leader on "Transforming Governance," of the Stockholm Environment Institute; and Mr. Jenik Radon, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York.

The panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the moderator, as well as by the representatives of the Republic of Korea and Guyana.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Telecommunication Union.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-President of the Council (Estonia).

22nd meeting

Integration segment [item 8]

The Council continued its consideration of the agenda item.

Panel discussion on "Leaving no one behind: National perspectives on policy making"

Panel 2: Making it work: Shared vision and innovative thinking in action

The panel discussion was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Estonia), who made an opening statement.

The Council heard a keynote address by Ms. Rachel Kyte, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer for Sustainable Energy for All.

The Moderator, Ms. Sharon Dawes, Professor Emerita at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs, University of Albany, made a statement.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: His Excellency David Miller, President and Chief Executive Officer, World Wildlife Fund Canada, former mayor of Toronto and member of the Network of Political Leaders United to Support Shared Societies (NETPLUSS) of the Club de Madrid; Mr. Julián Ugarte Fuentes, Executive Director for Latin America, Socialab; Ms. Ana Vaz, Research Officer, Oxford Poverty

and Human Development Initiative; and Mr. Wu Xun, Professor and Associate Director, Institute for Public Policy, Hong Kong University of Science.

The panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the moderator and the representatives of Peru, Chile, Sweden and Iraq, as well as by the observer for El Salvador.

A statement was also made by the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of AbzeSolar S.A., Her Excellency Abze Djigma.

Organization of work

The Vice-President of the Council (Estonia) made a statement.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 3 May 2016

General Assembly

International Law Commission
Sixty-eighth session

3292nd meeting

Protection of persons in the event of disasters [item 2]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's eighth report on the topic (A/CN.4/697).

Programme, procedures, working methods of the Commission and its documentations [item 11]

The Chair of the Working Group, Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez (Ecuador), announced the following composition of the Working Group on "Identification of customary international law": *Chair*: Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez (Ecuador); *Special Rapporteur*: Mr. Michael Wood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); *Members*: Mr. Pedro Commissário Afonso (Mozambique), Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández (Spain), Mr. Mathias Forteau (France), Mr. Mahmoud D. Hmoud (Jordan), Mr. Maurice Kamto (Cameroon), Mr. Kriangsak Kittichaisaree (Thailand), Mr. Roman A. Kolodkin (Russian Federation), Mr. Donald M. McRae (Canada), Mr. Shinya Murase (Japan), Mr. Sean D. Murphy (United States of America), Mr. Ernest Petrič, (Slovenia), Mr. Pavel Sturma (Czech Republic) and Mr. Ki Gab Park (Republic of Korea) (*ex officio*).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Objection to the reservations made by Somalia upon ratification: Romania (3 May 2016)

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Accession: Antigua and Barbuda (3 May 2016)

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Accession: Antigua and Barbuda (3 May 2016)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Monaco (3 May 2016)

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Cavtat, 4 June 2004

Acceptance: Romania (3 May 2016)

Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol. Doha, 8 December 2012

Acceptance: Romania (3 May 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States

Zimbabwe

His Excellency Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava

Asia-Pacific States

Iraq

His Excellency Mohamed Ali Alhakim

Eastern European States
Bosnia and Herzegovina
His Excellency Miloš Vukašinović

Latin American and Caribbean States
Bahamas
His Excellency Elliston Rahming

Western European and other States
Monaco
Her Excellency Isabelle Picco

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of formal and informal meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

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For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

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For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

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For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

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An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

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Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

The *website of the Presidency* of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Information about previously *unscheduled meetings* and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of *prepared statements* which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their

statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

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